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SUBJ: PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS - SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE DEBATE

1. SUMMARY: PEACEKEEPING DEBATE IN THE SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE (SPC) BEGAN DEC 6 AND WILL PROBABLY CONCLUDE DEC 8 WHICH WILL COMPLETE SPC'S AGENDA FOR THE 31ST GA. VOTING ON A DRAFT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE PEACEKEEPING SPECIAL COMMITTEE FOR ANOTHER YEAR IS SCHEDULED FOR DEC 8 OR 9. STATEMENTS HAVE ON THE WHOLE BEEN POSITIVE, NOTING PROGRESS IN LAST ROUND OF WORKING GROUP MEETINGS, PRESSING FOR INCREASED ACHIEVEMENT, AND FREQUENTLY REMARKING ON UTILITY OF REPORTS TO WG BY FORCE CONTRIBUTING NATIONS PROVIDING ACCOUNTS FROM OPERATING EXPERIENCES. US STATEMENT DELIVERED DEC 7. END SUMMARY.

2. DRAFT RESOLUTION WAS DISCUSSED IN INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS OF WORKING GROUP MEMBERS DEC 6 AND 7. DISCUSSION CENTERED AROUND PREAMBULAR PARAS 2 AND 3 AND OPERATIVE PARA 3. UK AND US DELS LED OBJECTION IN PREAMBULAR PARA 2 TO "INCREASING PRESSURE" WHICH WAS AMENDED TO "INCREASING NEED" BY NONALIGNED DRAFTING GROUP. UK AND US CONTINUED TO REGISTER OBJECTION AND DRAFTING GROUP AGREED TO CONSULT AMONG THEMSELVES FURTHER ON THIS PARA AND PREAMBULAR PARA 3 WHERE USSR OBJECTED BOTH TO "ONLY A SMALL MEASURE OF PROGRESS" AND TO LATER VERSION "ONLY LIMITEDPROGRESS." ALL SC PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES IN WG AT THIS STAGE OBJECTED TO PHRASE IN OPERATIVE PARA 3

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"PARTICULARLY PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

(REPRESENTED THEREIN)." WORKING GROUP AGREED TO FURTHER INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS IN LATE AFTERNOON DEC 7.

3. WG CONSULTATIONS RESULTED IN STALEMATE WITH US AND UK DEL ALONE OBJECTING TO OPERATIVE PARA 3. FRENCH ASKED TO RESERVE POSITION. US DEL EXPLAINED AGAIN FULL ARRAY OF REASONS WHY US OBJECTED TO SINGLEING OUT PERMANENT MEMBERS OF SECURITY COUNCIL. USSR DEL AGREED TO GO ALONG WITH OPERATIVE PARA 3 BUT PREFERRED NOT TO COSPONSOR RESOLUTION. UK IN FINAL STATEMENT INDICATED LIKELIHOOD UK COULD GO ALONG WITH OPERATIVE PARA 3 IF STATEMENT ACCOMPANYING INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION CLARIFIED THAT PERMANENT MEMBERS OF SECURITY COUNCIL WERE NOT MENTIONED IN DEROGATORY MANNER, BUT ONLY BY WAY OF ENCOURAGING FURTHER PROGRESS IN FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS. PREAMBULAR PARA 3 "INCRASING NEED" WAS AMENDED BY NONALIGNED DRAFTING GROUP TO READ "URGENT NEED." UK AND US ARGUED AGAINST THIS AS BEING UNREALISTIC BUT MAJORITY OF WG CONSIDERED "URGENT" A POSITIVE COMPROMISE WHICH SHOULD BE ACCEPTED BY ALL. PRE-AMBULAR PARA 2 WAS AMENDED TO READ ..."LIMITED PROGRESS."

4. WG SESSION CONCLUDED WITH CHAIRMAN REMARKING THAT HE DOUBTED IF NONALIGNED DRAFTING GROUP WOULD DELETE CONTESTED PHRASE IN OPERATIVE PARA 3. FRENCH DEL IN LATER CONVERSATION WITH US SAID FRENCH WOULD PROBABLY ABSTAIN ON RESOLUTION WITH PRESENT WORDING OF OPERATIVE 3 AND IN SEARCH OF COMPANY QUERIED WHETHER US WOULD LIKEWISE ABSTAIN. WE REPLIED THAT WE ARE UNINSTRUCTED AS YET BUT WOULD PASS ON FRENCH QUERY. UK DEL SAID IF US AND FRENCH ABSTAINED UK WOULD WANT TO CONSIDER SIMILAR ACTION. WG IS NOW SCHEDULED TO MEET AGAIN BEFORE SPC CONVENES ON DEC 8.  
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